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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Rambabu Bavirisetty

Dear Mr. Morales:


SUBJECT: TCAG 2000/01 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 2

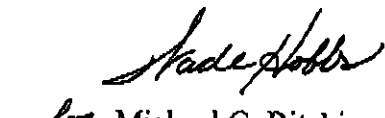
We have completed our review of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Amendment No. 2 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated March 27, 2001. The amendment was adopted by TCAG on January 22, 2001. This amendment adds or modifies State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and State Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects. Concerning the City of Tulare Intermodal Transit Facility, with this letter we are approving project phases only up to but not including right of way (R/W) due to the fact that this project is not within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 93.126.

We accept this TCAG amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the program by this amendment (except as noted above) are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of TCAG's FTIP Amendment No. 2 (exclusive of the Intermodal Transit Facility R/W and construction phases) into California's 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


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Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration


for Michael G. Ritchie
Division Administrator
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